

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of the claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens comprising a lens and a lens holder, wherein each of the lens and the lens holder has at least one mark in a direction of rotation based on an optical axis of the lens as a center of rotation, wherein ~~the mark of the lens is a line or a concave portion~~ at least eight marks are provided on positions of the periphery of the lens or on positions of the lens holder which are adjacent to the periphery of the lens.

2. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein the mark of the lens holder is provided so as to oppose the mark of the lens.

3. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein the marks of the lens and the lens holder are provided at regular intervals, respectively.

4. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein one mark is provided on a position of a periphery of the lens, and at least eight marks are provided on positions of the lens holder which are adjacent to the periphery of the lens.

5. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein one mark is provided on a position of the lens holder which is adjacent to a periphery of the lens, and at least eight marks are provided on positions of the periphery of the lens.

6. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein at least one of the marks of the lens is discriminated from the other marks of the lens.

7. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein the lens has a round edge, and the mark of the lens is provided on the round edge.

8. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens ~~comprising a lens and a lens holder, wherein each of the lens and the lens holder has at least one mark in a direction of rotation based on an optical axis of the lens as a center of rotation, one mark is provided on a position of a periphery of the lens, and at least eight marks are provided on positions of the lens holder which are adjacent to the periphery of the lens and the mark of the lens is according to claim 1, wherein the mark of the lens is a line, a convex portion, or a concave portion.~~

9. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens according to claim 8, wherein ~~at least eight fitting portions, at least one of which fits with the convex portion of the lens, are provided on the lens holder~~ the convex portion is provided as the mark of the lens, and a fitting portion which fits with the convex portion of the lens is provided on the lens holder.

10. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens according to claim 9, wherein ~~the at least eight fitting portions, each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens, are provided on the lens holder by providing a plurality of ribs, each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and protrudes in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens~~ a plurality of fitting portions each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are provided on the lens holder by providing a plurality of ribs each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and protrudes in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens.

11. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens according to claim 9, wherein ~~the at least eight fitting portions, each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens, are provided on the lens holder by forming a plurality of grooves each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and extends in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens on a portion of the lens holder which receives an outer peripheral side portion of a round edge of the lens~~ a plurality of fitting portions each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are provided on the lens holder by forming a plurality of grooves each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and extends in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens on a portion of the lens holder which receives an outer peripheral side portion of a round edge of the lens.

12. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens according to claim 9, wherein ~~the at least eight fitting portions, each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens, are provided on the lens holder at regular intervals in a direction of rotation based on the optical axis of the lens as the center of rotation~~ a plurality of fitting portions each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are provided on the lens holder at regular intervals in a direction of rotation based on the optical axis of the lens as the center of rotation.

13. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 9, wherein angular intervals of the fitting portions of the lens holder each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are 45°.

14. (Original) An optical pickup lens according to claim 1, wherein the lens is a plastic lens, and the lens and the mark of the lens are integrally formed.

15. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens according to claim 14, wherein ~~the mark of the lens is a concave portion formed on the lens after cutting a gate portion of the lens formed by a gate of a mold through which a molten plastic is injected into the mold so as to form the lens~~

the mark of the lens is a convex portion which is composed of a part or a whole of a gate portion of the lens which is left to remain after cutting the gate portion of the lens formed by a gate of a mold through which a molten plastic is injected into the mold so as to form the lens; or

the mark of the lens is a concave portion formed on the lens after cutting said gate portion of the lens.

16. (Original) An optical pickup unit comprising the optical pickup lens according to claim 1.

17. (Original) An optical disc apparatus comprising the optical pickup unit according to claim 16.

18. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens comprising a lens and a lens holder, wherein each of the lens and the lens holder has a least one mark in a direction of rotation based on an optical axis of the lens as a center of rotation, ~~one mark is provided on a position of the lens holder which is adjacent to a periphery of the lens, and at least eight marks are provided on positions of the periphery of the lens and the mark of the lens is a convex portion, wherein at least one of the marks of the lens is discriminated from the other marks of the lens.~~

19. (Currently Amended) An optical pickup lens ~~comprising a lens and a lens holder, wherein each of the lens and the lens holder has at least one mark in a direction of rotation based on an optical axis of the lens as a center of rotation, at least one of the marks of the lens is discriminated from the other marks of the lens and the mark of the lens is a convex portion~~ unit comprising the optical pickup lens according to claim 18.

20. (New) An optical disc apparatus comprising the optical pickup unit according to claim 19.

21. (New) An optical pickup lens comprising a lens and a lens holder, wherein each at the lens and the lens holder has at least one mark in a direction of rotation based on an optical axis of the lens as a center of rotation, wherein a plurality of marks of lens and/or lens holder are provided and an angular interval of the marks provided on the lens and/or the lens holder is not more than 45° based on the optical axis of the lens.

22. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 21, wherein the mark of the lens holder is provided so as to oppose the mark of the lens.

23. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 21, wherein at least one of the marks of the lens is discriminated from the other marks of the lens.

24. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 21, wherein the lens has a round edge, and the mark of the lens is provided on the round edge.

25. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 21, wherein the mark of the lens is a line, a convex portion or a concave portion.

26. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 25, wherein the convex portion is provided as the mark of the lens, and a fitting portion which fits with the convex portion of the lens is provided on the lens holder.

27. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 26, wherein a plurality of fitting portions each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are provided on the lens holder by providing a plurality of ribs each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and protrudes in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens.

28. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 26, wherein a plurality of fitting portions each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are provided on the lens holder by forming a plurality of grooves each of which opposes the convex portion of the lens and extends in a direction parallel to the optical axis of the lens on a portion of the lens holder which receives an outer peripheral side portion of a round edge of the lens.

29. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 26, wherein angular intervals of the fitting portions of the lens holder each of which fits with the convex portion of the lens are 45°.

30. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 21, wherein the lens is a plastic lens, and the lens and the mark of the lens are integrally formed.

31. (New) An optical pickup lens according to claim 30, wherein the mark of the lens is a convex portion which is composed of a part or a whole of a gate portion of the lens which is left to

remain after cutting the gate portion of the lens formed by a gate of a mold through which a molten plastic is injected into the mold so as to form the lens; or the mark of the lens is a concave portion formed on the lens after cutting said gate portion of the lens.

32. (New) An optical pickup unit comprising the optical pickup lens according to claim 21.

33. (New) An optical disc apparatus comprising the optical pickup unit according to claim 32.